

stored for the inspection thereof by the officer whose duty it shall be to inspect the same, and any person who shall conspire or agree with any other person to evade any of the provisions of this article or who shall connive at or participate in such violation shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to the penalties prescribed in section 15 of this article.

See notes to secs. 8 and 9.

An. Code, sec. 15. 1904, sec. 14. 1894, ch. 380, sec. 13.

**17.** Any general measurer or inspector of oysters in this State who shall knowingly permit any evasion or violation of this article to take place without causing the arrest of the offender shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction of the same, shall be dismissed from the service and be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than three hundred dollars, or sentenced to the House of Correction for a term of not

See notes to secs. 8 and 9.

### **Time for Taking Oysters.**

An. Code, sec. 16. 1904, sec. 15. 1894, ch. 380, sec. 14. 1900, ch. 380.

**18.** It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take or catch oysters or have oysters in his or their possession between the twenty-fifth day of April and the first day of September in each and every year; provided, that oysters caught before the twenty-fifth day of April may be disposed of at any time before the thirtieth day of April; nor shall it be construed to prevent any person from taking oysters at any time from his private beds within the State for private use or transplanting or cultivating but not for sale. Persons violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

See secs. 20, 55, 57 and 64.

An. Code, sec. 17. 1904, sec. 16. 1894, ch. 380, sec. 15. 1922, ch. 519, sec. 17.

**19.** Any person found guilty of violating any provisions of the above section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any court of competent jurisdiction shall be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than three hundred dollars in the discretion of the court or justice of the peace by which such person shall be tried, or be imprisoned in the county or city jail or in the House of Correction for not less than one month nor more than twelve months, in the discretion of such judge or justice of the peace.

An. Code, sec. 18. 1904, sec. 17. 1894, ch. 380, sec. 16.

**20.** It shall be unlawful for any person to take or catch oysters on Sunday or at night; and any person violating this section shall, on conviction thereof, be fined a sum of not less than fifty dollars nor more than three hundred dollars, or sentenced to the house of correction for a period not less than three months nor more than one year, or forfeit the boat, vessel or canoe used in violation of this section, in the discretion of the judge or justice of the peace trying the case.

Cited but not construed in *Messick v. State*, 82 Md. 585.